

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 564

By McNally

A RESOLUTION congratulating John W. Smith, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those selfless Tennesseans who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, John W. Smith, Jr., is one such estimable person who has served with probity for fifteen years on the Oak Ridge School Board; in addition to being a member of his local school board, Mr. Smith has rendered exceptional service to the Tennessee School Board Association (TSBA) as well; and

WHEREAS, having distinguished himself in his years of service to these estimable institutions, John Smith will soon be taking a much deserved retirement from both the Oak Ridge School Board and the TSBA; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith first gained a seat on the Oak Ridge School Board in 1994, and in 1996 he became its Parliamentarian, a position he held until 2000; from 2001 to 2002, he served the Board as its Vice-Chair, and from 2003 to 2009 he served as Chair; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, Mr. Smith was named to the TSBA All Tennessee School Board; having earned the Master/Board Member/Level V Distinction in 2007, he served as a TSBA Board of Directors At-Large Member from that year until 2008, when he assumed his present post, TSBA President-Elect; and

WHEREAS, for his expertise and leadership in the field of education, John Smith received an appointment to the Governor's Committee for Policy on Funding Education in 2006, and he also served as a member of the Governor's Strategic Planning Committee for Building State-of-the-Art High Schools; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades for his commitment to education, Mr. Smith received the National School Board Association's National Distinguished Service Award twice, in both 2000 and 2006; and

WHEREAS, also a leader outside the field of education, John Smith is a past member of the Board of Directors of the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce, a past member of the Board of Directors for Girls, Incorporated, of Oak Ridge, a member of the 1996 Leadership Oak Ridge Class, and a member of the 2006-2007 Leadership Knoxville Class; and

WHEREAS, in addition, John Smith is a past committee member of the Telecommunications Assistance Program for Small and/or Minority-Owned Business, an appointment he received from the Governor; and

WHEREAS, in his professional life, Mr. Smith is employed with Science Applications International Corporation, which he serves as a Project Manager of Network Operations; and

WHEREAS, John Smith received an Associate of Applied Business in Data Processing from the University of Toledo, where he continued his education, earning a Bachelor of Science in Business Management/Mathematics as well; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith is an active and highly respected member of his faith community at Spurgeon Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Oak Ridge; and

WHEREAS, he is thankful for the loving companionship of his wife, Clevetta M. Smith, and is the proud father of three children, Qiana R. Smith, Katrina D. Smith, and Karmen C. Smith; and

WHEREAS, John Smith exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Smith has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate John W. Smith, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement from the Oak Ridge School Board and the Tennessee School Board Association,

thank him for all he has done to improve the quality of education in this State, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.